

# St. Matt's Midweek Update – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025



How has your week been?

I didn't have anything jumping out at me this week to write, so I thought I'd have a look at the verse of the day on my Bible app. It's James 1:5:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

On first glance I thought it was a good verse! We often don't know how to pray for something, or how to approach a situation, but God says to ask Him for wisdom. He won't always solve the problem for us, but he can give us wisdom to be able to work it out for ourselves with His guidance. The verses around this verse talk about us being tested and facing trials, and wisdom is the answer.

But when you look at this verse a bit more, there are a couple of little phrases which speak to us so much of who God is.

Firstly, God gives generously **to all**. We often think he gives more to others but not so much to me! Or we judge people and think they should be excluded from God's generosity. God gives generously to all. Remember we are talking about wisdom here, not money or success.

Secondly, God gives generously to all **without finding fault**. Like I was saying in my talk on Sunday, it is so easy to think God sees us as we see ourselves, with all our insecurities and self judgement. But when God looks at us, and gives to us, He doesn't find fault with us. He doesn't look at the times we've messed up before and think He can't trust us with anything else. He sees us as right and pure and lovely, because of the blood of Jesus.

So when we ask, we can ask with confidence, knowing that God will bless us and is working for good in our lives.

## Notices



**This Sunday** (16th March) we just have our 10am service, with groups for our children and young people. Brian will be speaking to us about a passage which has shaped his life - Matthew 25:14-30.

**Next Sunday** (23rd March) we also just have our 10am service, again with groups for children and young people, and Suzanne will be speaking to us.

**This week all our normal groups and activities are happening.**

We also have:

Mission Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 19th March 3.30pm at Mary's house

Knitting Hub - Saturday 22nd March 10.30am in the church centre



**Thank you** so much to everyone who volunteers for things in church.

Whenever we ask for help, people step up and we are so grateful.

At the moment, we could really do with **someone to join the Deeper team**. Deeper is for those in school years 3-6 on Mondays from 3.30pm - 5pm. It's a fun group, but at the moment I help a couple of times a month to make up numbers, and I could do with reducing that if possible as we head into the interregnum.

Please let me know if you would like to join the team, or come and have a taster session to see what it is like.

## Unlock Walk - Saturday 12th April 2025



Every year some of our congregation take part in this sponsored walk around areas of London, to raise money for and awareness of ministry in urban deprived areas. If you are interested in walking this year, please let Liz of myself know. I have sponsor forms in the office for anyone taking part.



As you know, Chris and Carole's leaving service and lunch is on Sunday 27th April. Julia and Mary are kindly organising food for the lunch and they would love it if people could contribute some home made finger food.

They will need:

Sausage rolls or cheese rolls

Cheese straws

Tray bake cakes

Lunch will be finger foods so they are looking for things to be made bite size!

Food will need to be delivered to church on Friday 25th April or Saturday 26th April in the mornings.

**IMPORTANT - please can you let Julia know by 30th March if you are happy to make things.** They need to know what is being made and how much, so that any shortfall can be made up, as we are expecting a lot of people! Thank you!



We Are  
Hiring

### Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ are hiring!

Outreach Lead – reaching out to the young people in our community who may not have a church connection yet, through our after school drop-in and leading and developing Unite Youth.

Schools Lead – increasing and strengthening our presence in local secondary schools.

Both roles have a genuine requirement to be a Christian.

Both roles are 3 days a week, term time only. Salary £12.50 - £14 per hour dependant on

experience. (This could be one full time role for the right candidate.)

For more information contact Karen on [centredirector@tunbridgewells.yfc.co.uk](mailto:centredirector@tunbridgewells.yfc.co.uk)

**YFC are holding an inter-church quiz** - if anyone from St. Matt's is interested in getting a team together, let me know. It would be great to support this with all the help we have had from them through Berti at Ignite.

<b>INTER-CHURCH QUIZ</b>	22 March 2025 Christ Church, High Street, Tunbridge Wells. Doors open at 6.30pm
Gather a team of upto 8 people from your church	£17.50 per person includes a hot meal
Book your team in by emailing Polly: <a href="mailto:pollyjoyce@gmail.com">pollyjoyce@gmail.com</a>	

**Job opportunity** - The Mosaic Resource Centre are seeking a dedicated, empathetic Manager to lead and oversee operations, providing support to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their accommodation. This role involves managing a team of volunteers, coordinating community partnerships and ensuring individuals receive the necessary resources and services to regain stability, whilst maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all.

For more information about the position, please contact Captain Graeme

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Have a lovely weekend.

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